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Employment history

Assistant Professor, Pomona College Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Fall 2006-present
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh Department of Linguistics, Spring 2006
Visiting Instructor, University of Pittsburgh Department of Linguistics, Fall 2005
Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley Department of Linguistics, Fall 2001 and Spring 2003

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Linguistics, May 2006

Dissertation: *Phonological Conditions on Affixation*

Sharon Inkelas and Andrew Garrett, Advisors

M.A., Linguistics, May 2002

The Ohio State University

B.A., Linguistics and Anthropology, March 2000

Phi Beta Kappa, *Summa Cum Laude*, with Distinction in Linguistics, with Honors in the Liberal Arts

Senior Honors thesis: *Issues in the Tonology of Ga*

David Odden, Advisor

Publications

Journal articles

Paster, Mary. 2009. Explaining phonological conditions on affixation: Evidence from suppletive allomorphy and affix ordering. *Word Structure* 2.1: 18-47.

Paster, Mary. 2007. Aspects of Maay phonology and morphology. *Studies in African Linguistics* 35.1: 73-120.

Paster, Mary. 2005. Pulaar verbal extensions and phonologically driven affix order. *Yearbook of Morphology* 2005: 155-199.

Paster, Mary. 2004. Vowel height harmony and blocking in Buchan Scots. *Phonology* 21.3: 359-407.

Paster, Mary. 2003. Floating tones in Ga. *Studies in African Linguistics* 32.1: 17-39.

Refereed articles in edited volumes

Paster, Mary. In press. Optional multiple plural marking in Maay. In *Current Issues in Linguistic Theory: Variation and Change in Morphology*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.

McPherson, Laura and Mary Paster. 2009. Evidence for the Mirror Principle and morphological templates in Luganda affix ordering. Pp. 56-66 in Akinloye Ojo and Lioba Moshi, eds. *Selected Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Somerville, Massachusetts: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Comfort, Jade and Mary Paster. 2009. Notes on Lower Jubba Maay. Pp. 204-216 in Masangu Matondo, Fiona McLaughlin and Eric Potsdam, eds. *Selected Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Somerville, Massachusetts: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Paster, Mary. 2003. Tone specification in Leggbo. Pp. 139-150 in John M. Mugane, ed. *Linguistic Description: Typology and Representation of African Languages*. *Trends in African Linguistics* 5.

Other articles

Paster, Mary. To appear. Phonologically conditioned suppletive allomorphy: Cross-linguistic results and theoretical consequences. Bernard Tranel, ed. *Understanding Allomorphy: Perspectives from OT*. *Advances in Optimality Theory* series. London: Equinox.

Paster, Mary. 2009. Review of *Field Linguistics: A Beginner's Guide*, by Terry Crowley. *Linguistic Typology* 12.3: 473-479.

- Dutcher, Katharine and Mary Paster. 2008. Contour tone distribution in Luganda. Pp. 123-131 in Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop, eds. *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Paster, Mary. 2008. Review of Kaye, Alan S. *Morphologies of Asia and Africa*. LINGUIST List 19.1357.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. A survey of phonological affix order with special attention to Pulaar. Leah Bateman and Cherlon Ussery, eds. *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistic Society: Volume 2*: 491-506. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Graduate Linguistics Student Association.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Review of Olson, Kenneth S. *The Phonology of Mono*. LINGUIST List 17.1958.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Subcategorization vs. output optimization in syllable-counting allomorphy. Pp. 326-333 in John Alderete, Chung-Hye Han, and Alexei Kochetov, eds. *Proceedings of the 24th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Paster, Mary and Rosemary Beam de Azcona. 2004. A Phonological Sketch of the Yucunany Dialect of Mixtepec Mixtec. Pp. 61-76 in Lea Harper and Carmen Jany, eds. *Proceedings of the 7th Annual Workshop on American Indian Languages*. UC Santa Barbara.
- Hyman, Larry, Heiko Narrog, Mary Paster, and Imelda Udoh. 2003. Leggbo verb inflection: A semantic and phonological particle analysis. Pp. 399-410 in Julie Larson and Mary Paster, eds. *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*.

Volumes edited

- Beam de Azcona, Rosemary and Mary Paster, eds. 2005. *Proceedings of the Conference on Otomanguean and Oaxacan Languages*.
- Larson, Julie and Mary Paster, eds. 2003. *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*.

Presentations

Invited talks

- Paster, Mary. 2008. Phonologically conditioned affix order as a post-morphological phenomenon. UC San Diego Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2008. From linguistics major to linguistics professor. Lecture given at the Summer Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, The Ohio State University.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonologically conditioned suppletive allomorphy: Cross-linguistic results and theoretical consequences. UC Berkeley Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonological conditions on affixation: Cross-linguistic findings and a case study. University of Pittsburgh Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonological conditions on affixation: Cross-linguistic findings and a case study. New York University Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonological conditions on affixation: Cross-linguistic findings and a case study. University of Oklahoma Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonological conditions on affixation: Cross-linguistic findings and a case study. Pomona College Linguistics and Cognitive Science Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Modeling the phonology-morphology interface: Evidence from Pulaar. University of Chicago Linguistics Department colloquium.

Conference and workshop presentations

- Nuchi, Elisha and Mary Paster. 2009. An analysis of metaphony in Felechosa Asturian. Paper presented at the 17th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester.
- Paster, Mary. 2009. The verbal morphology of Asante Twi. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Illinois.
- Paster, Mary. 2009. Phonologically conditioned affix order as an illusory phenomenon. Paper presented at the Workshop on the Division of Labour between Morphology and Phonology, Amsterdam.
- Dutcher, Katharine and Mary Paster. 2008. Contour tone distribution in Luganda. Paper presented at the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, UCLA.

- McPherson, Laura and Mary Paster. 2008. Evidence for the Mirror Principle and morphological templates in Luganda affix ordering. Paper presented at the 39th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Georgia.
- Paster, Mary. 2008. Optional Multiple Plural Marking in Maay. Paper presented at the 13th International Morphology Meeting, Vienna.
- Paster, Mary. 2007. Phonologically conditioned suppletive allomorphy: Cross-linguistic results and theoretical consequences. Paper presented at the 15th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester.
- Comfort, Jade and Mary Paster. 2007. A grammatical sketch of Maay. Paper presented at the 38th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida.
- Kim, Yuni and Mary Paster. 2006. Downstep in Tiriki. Paper presented at the 37th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Pama-Nyungan ergative allomorphy: Historical reconstruction and theoretical consequences. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Albuquerque.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Subcategorization vs. output optimization in syllable-counting allomorphy. Paper presented at the 24th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Simon Fraser University.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Tone rules and representations in Yucunany Mixtepec Mixtec. Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting, Oakland, California.
- Paster, Mary. 2004. A survey of phonological affix order with special attention to Pulaar. Paper presented at the 35th Conference of the North Eastern Linguistic Society, University of Connecticut.
- Paster, Mary. 2004. Senegalese Pulaar verbal extensions and phonologically driven affix order. Paper presented at the Southwest Optimality Theory Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- Paster, Mary. 2004. Suffix order in Senegalese Pulaar. Paper presented at the 35th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Harvard University.
- Beam de Azcona, Rosemary and Mary Paster. 2004. A phonological sketch of the Yucunany dialect of Mixtepec Mixtec. Paper presented at the Workshop on American Indigenous Languages, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Paster, Mary and Rosemary Beam de Azcona. 2004. Aspects of tone in the Yucunany dialect of Mixtepec Mixtec. Paper presented at the Conference on Otomanguean and Oaxacan Languages, University of California, Berkeley.
- Paster, Mary. 2003. The evolution of vowel harmony blocking in Buchan Scots. Paper presented at the Trilateral Phonology Weekend (TREND), University of California, Santa Cruz.
- Good, Jeff, Teresa McFarland, and Mary Paster. 2003. Reconstructing Achumawi and Atsugewi: Proto-Palaihnihan revisited. Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- Paster, Mary. 2002. The couthie mannies of Buckie: A phonetic investigation of a Scots dialect. Paper presented at the 1st Annual SLUG Symposium, University of California, Berkeley.
- Paster, Mary. 2002. The unmarked tone in Leggbo. Paper presented at the 33rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Ohio University.
- Hyman, Larry M., Heiko Narrog, Mary Paster, and Imelda Udoh. 2002. Leggbo verb inflection: A semantic and phonological particle analysis. Paper presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society.
- Paster, Mary. 2002. Vowel height harmony and blocking in Buchan Scots. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- Paster, Mary. 2001. What determines suffix ordering in Fula? Paper presented at the 32nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley.
- Paster, Mary. 2000. An Optimality Theoretic analysis of verbal tone in Ga. Paper presented at the Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop, York University and University of Toronto.
- Paster, Mary. 2000. The Tone-Bearing Unit in Ga. Paper presented at the 31st Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Boston University.
- Paster, Mary. 1999. Aspects of verbal tone in Ga. Paper presented at the 30th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Courses taught

Pomona College (regular courses)

Linguistics and Cognitive Science 10: Introduction to the Study of Language
Linguistics and Cognitive Science 108: Phonology
Linguistics and Cognitive Science 109: Morphology
Linguistics and Cognitive Science 125: Language in the Field
Linguistics and Cognitive Science 185P: Topics in Phonology

Pomona College (independent study)

Linguistics and Cognitive Science 199: Independent Study in Malayalam
Linguistics and Cognitive Science 199: Topics in Language Contact
Linguistics and Cognitive Science 199: Language and Power in South Africa
Linguistics and Cognitive Science 199: Advanced Topics in Phonology
Linguistics and Cognitive Science 199: Historical and Comparative Linguistics

University of Pittsburgh

Linguistics 1579: Phonology
Linguistics/Anthropology 1441 and 2441: Field Methods in Linguistics
Linguistics 1773: Morphology
Linguistics 1951: Languages of the World

UC Berkeley (GSI)

Linguistics 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science
Linguistics 115: Introduction to Phonology and Morphology

Reviewing

Manuscript reviewer, *Studies in African Linguistics, Morphology, Linguistic Analysis, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory (NLLT)*, Mouton de Gruyter's *[X] in the Languages of the World* series
Abstract reviewer, Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)
Grant proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation
Textbook reviewer, Thomson Higher Education, 2006
Abstract reviewer, Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS), 2000- 2005

Conference organizing

Organizer, first annual Southern California Workshop on Phonetics and Phonology (SCOPHO), 2008
Co-Chair, Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 28th Annual Meeting, 2001-2002
Organizing Committee, Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 27th Annual Meeting, 2000-2002, 2004-2005
Organizing Committee, 32nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), 2000-2001

Other service activities and employment

Member, LSA Linguistics in Higher Education Committee, 2009-present
Mentor, LSA Women in Linguistics Mentoring Alliance, 2008-present
Undergraduate Advisor, University of Pittsburgh Department of Linguistics, 2005-2006
Mentor, Breath of Life California Indian Language Restoration Workshop, 2004
Graduate Student Researcher, Turkish Electronic Living Lexicon project, 2002